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KENTUCKY LIVESTOCK AND CROP PRICES BOTH MIXED

Prices received by **Kentucky** farmers in January were unchanged to lower for livestock. Calf, corn and winter wheat prices increased in January.

Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over averaged \$104.00 per cwt. (hundred pounds) at mid-January. This was unchanged from the December price while up \$8.00 from the January 2005 price. **Beef cow** price at mid-month was \$44.00 per cwt., down \$1.00 from December and \$3.00 from a year earlier. **Calves** less than 500 lbs. were \$126.00 per cwt., up \$5.00 from the December price and \$13.00 from a year earlier. This would be the highest calf price in seven months.

Hog prices were steady to lower. **Barrows and gilts** for mid-month averaged \$42.00 per cwt. This was down \$2.00 from December and \$10.00 from January 2005. This was the lowest barrow and gilt price in 24 months. **Sows** at mid-January were \$36.00 per cwt., unchanged from December while down \$8.00 from a year earlier.

Sheep and lamb prices for December were both up from the November price. The **sheep** price for December was \$52.00 per cwt. This was up \$7.00 from November. The **lamb** price was \$108.00 per cwt., up \$6.00 from November.

The **all milk** price for mid-January was \$15.30 per cwt., down 20 cents from the December price and \$2.00 from January 2005. This was the lowest milk price in 23 months. The final monthly milk price will vary from the projected mid-month price due to price changes announced by the Milk Marketing Orders, actual milk fat content and quality of milk sold by class. **Milk cow** price for mid-January was \$1,810.00 per head, up \$20.00 from the October price and \$260.00 from January 2005. The January price was the highest milk cow price on record.

Grain prices continue to be mixed with corn and winter wheat up and soybeans down in price. The price of **corn** for mid-January was \$2.15 per bushel. This was up four cents from December but

down 22 cents from January 2005. The **soybean** price for mid-month was \$5.65 per bushel, down 32 cents from December and 17 cents from a year earlier. This was the lowest soybean price in four months. The **winter wheat** price for mid-January was \$3.20 per bushel, up two cents from the previous month and ten cents from January 2005.

The Preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 112, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 3 points (2.6 percent) from December. The Crop Index was down 3 points (2.7 percent) and the Livestock Index also decreased 3 points (2.5 percent). Producers received lower commodity prices for lettuce, turkeys, eggs, and hogs. Higher prices were received for cattle, oranges, corn, and cotton. The overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of cattle, soybeans, corn, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of grapes, tomatoes, dairy, and cotton. The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 1 point (0.9 percent) from January 2005.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY		US	
		JAN 2005	DEC 2005	JAN 2006	JAN 2006
		Entire Month		Mid-Month a/	
All Corn b/ c/	Bu.	2.37	2.11	2.15	1.96
Soybeans b/	Bu.	5.82	5.97	5.65	5.51
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	3.10	3.18	3.20	3.38
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	105.00	120.00	120.00	95.60
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	61.00	70.00	70.00	79.30
All Hogs	Cwt.	51.70	43.70	41.80	41.60
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	52.00	44.00	42.00	41.90
Sows	Cwt.	44.00	36.00	36.00	35.70
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	84.20	89.80	89.60	94.40
Steers & Heifers e/	Cwt.	96.00	104.00	104.00	101.00
Cows	Cwt.	47.00	45.00	44.00	46.50
Calves f/	Cwt.	113.00	121.00	126.00	137.00
Sheep	Cwt.	--	52.00	--	--
Lambs	Cwt.	--	108.00	--	--
Milk Cows g/	Ea.	1,550.00	--	1,810.00	1,840.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	17.30	15.50	15.30	14.50
Hog-Corn Ratios h/	Bu.	21.8	20.7	19.4	21.2

a/ Preliminary. b/ Includes contract sales paid during month. c/ Includes yellow and white corn. d/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. e/ 500 lbs. and over. f/ Under 500 lbs. g/ Published only in Jan., Apr., July & Oct. h/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for December 2005 totaled 112 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year earlier, but up 6 percent from November. Average number of cows on farms at 102,000 head, was down 8,000 from last year, but unchanged from last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,100 pounds, up 45 pounds from December 2004 and up 60 pounds from November 2005.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during December totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4.2 percent from

December 2004. November revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 4.6 percent from November 2004. The November revision represented a decrease of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,665 pounds for December, 55 pounds above December 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 67,000 head more than December 2004, and 4,000 head more than November 2005.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on December 31, 2005, were greater than year earlier levels for cheese, chicken, frozen vegetables and eggs.

All U S. Warehouse Stocks				Dec 2005 as % of	
Commodity	Dec 31 2004	Nov 30 2005	Dec 31 2005	Dec 2004	Nov 2005
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	716,180	876,687	919,888	128	105
Turkey	288,357	195,177	202,456	70	104
Ducks	663	2,880	2,600	392	90
Total Frozen Poultry	1,005,200	1,074,744	1,124,944	112	105
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	484,276	429,824	433,768	90	101
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	56,026	28,613	47,852	85	167
Total Frozen Pork <u>1/</u>	482,852	437,461	427,709	89	98
Total Meat <u>2/</u>	979,037	888,195	883,806	90	100

1/Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 2/Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2005 % of Dec. 2004
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,728	7,791	101
Average Layers (000)	345,960	348,300	101
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,234	2,237	100
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Jan 1 (000)	34,456	35,547	103
Chicks Hatched (000)	37,332	36,224	97
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Jan 1 (000)	650,680	660,613	102
Chicks Hatched (000)	793,090	807,848	102

APPLES AND PEACHES

Kentucky's utilized **apple** production for 2005 totaled 4.7 million pounds, down 33 percent from the 2004 crop. This was the smallest crop in three years. Weather conditions was the contributing factor to the lower production. Rainfall was adequate to surplus in May and then conditions turned dry and hot in June. Starting in mid-August some rainfall was received on a spotty basis. The dry weather resulted in increased weight per bushel and reduced production per tree. Prices averaged 34.6 cents per pound, down 2.2 cents from the 2004 crop. The value of utilized production totaled \$1.63 million, down from the \$2.57 million for 2004.

Utilized apple production for the **Nation** was estimated at 9.78 billion bushels, down 6 percent from the 2004 level. Utilized production for Washington and New York decreased six and 20 percent respectively while Michigan's utilized production increased 8 percent compared to the previous year. In New York, a spring frost during bloom, extreme heat during early summer and heavy rains and winds during mid-October reduced the 2005 crop. Below normal humidity levels in Michigan kept disease pressure low and the apple crop was ahead of normal development throughout the growing season. Washington had the largest

utilized production with 5.80 million pounds and New York was second with 1.02 million pounds.

Utilized **peach** production in **Kentucky** totaled 650 tons in 2005, down 13 percent from the 2004 crop. Weather conditions varied across the State but generally were not conducive for fruit production. Farmers generally had a smaller crop due to scattered freezing conditions at blossom time, heavy rain in the spring and then dry hot conditions in June and July. Some farmers had a good crop. Price per ton was \$1,000.00, down \$290.00 per ton from the 2004 crop. The value of utilized production totaled \$650,000, down \$318,000 from the 2004 crop.

U.S. utilized peach production in 2005 was estimated at 1.14 million tons, down 7 percent from the previous year and 5 percent below 2003. The California crop, accounting for 76 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, was down 6 percent from 2004. For California, the Clingstone peach estimate was down 10 percent and the Freestone estimate was down 1 percent from 2004. California Freestone production was first in the Nation with 385,000 tons followed by South Carolina with 45,000 tons. California Clingstone production totaled 484,000 tons.

APPLE UTILIZED PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

STATE	Utilized Production			Price Per Pound			Value of Utilized Production		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	Million Pounds			Cents			1,000 Dollars		
Illinois	45.9	51.3	38.5	29.1	23.7	39.0	13,348	12,182	15,006
Indiana	48.0	58.0 <u>1/</u>	37.5	26.3	21.9 <u>1/</u>	22.0	12,609	12,686 <u>1/</u>	8,242
KENTUCKY	7.1	7.0 <u>1/</u>	4.7	32.7	36.8 <u>1/</u>	34.6	2,322	2,573 <u>1/</u>	1,628
Missouri	40.0	47.0	47.0	20.8	16.4	16.5	8,311	7,713	7,744
Ohio	88.0	90.0	101.0	27.4	27.6 <u>1/</u>	28.2	24,130	24,831 <u>1/</u>	28,474
Tennessee	11.5	10.5	7.5	25.2	26.3	26.8	2,903	2,765	2,012
Virginia	262.0	297.0 <u>1/</u>	297.0	9.6	14.9 <u>1/</u>	11.3	25,066	44,226 <u>1/</u>	33,465
W. Virginia	85.0	80.0 <u>1/</u>	86.0	9.7	9.1 <u>1/</u>	9.1	8,214	7,250 <u>1/</u>	7,804
U.S.	8,703.0 <u>1/</u>	10,371.3 <u>1/</u>	9,779.1	20.9 <u>1/</u>	15.9 <u>1/</u>	18.3	1,817,240 <u>1/</u>	1,647,983 <u>1/</u>	1,786,674

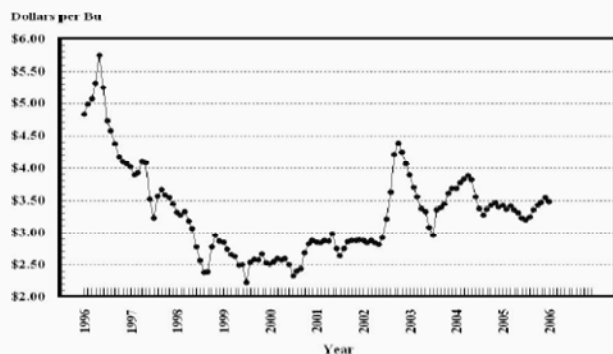
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PEACH UTILIZED PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

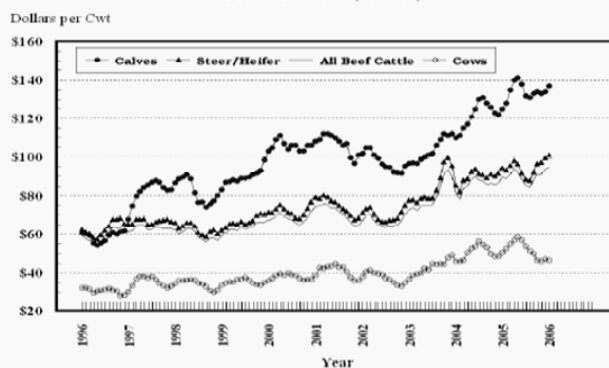
STATE	Utilized Production			Price Per Ton			Value of Utilized Production		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	Tons			Dollars			1,000 Dollars		
Illinois	9,900	9,500	11,000	1,020.00	770.00	1,250.00	10,138	7,315	13,780
Indiana	1,650	1,200	<u>1/</u>	1,430.00	1,380.00	<u>1/</u>	2,363	1,656	<u>1/</u>
KENTUCKY	900	750	650	1,110.00	1,290.00	1,000.00	1,003	968	650
Missouri	5,000	4,500	5,800	860.00	780.00	980.00	4,300	3,510	5,684
Ohio	5,500	5,000	2,100	996.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	5,478	5,005	2,310
Tennessee	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,030.00	1,070.00	1,280.00	1,645	1,926	2,304
Virginia	4,600	4,400	4,630	756.00	660.00	800.00	3,478	2,904	3,704
W. Virginia	5,900	5,800	5,300	740.00	478.00	724.00	4,366	2,772	3,837
U.S.	1,205,150	1,229,800 <u>2/</u>	1,143,150	377.00	375.00 <u>2/</u>	446.00	454,286	461,629 <u>2/</u>	509,745

1/Estimates discontinued in 2005. 2/Revised.

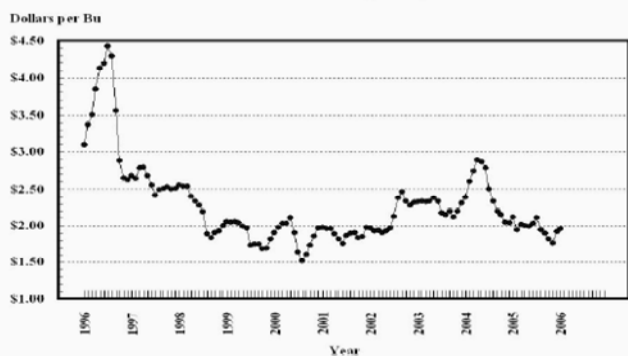
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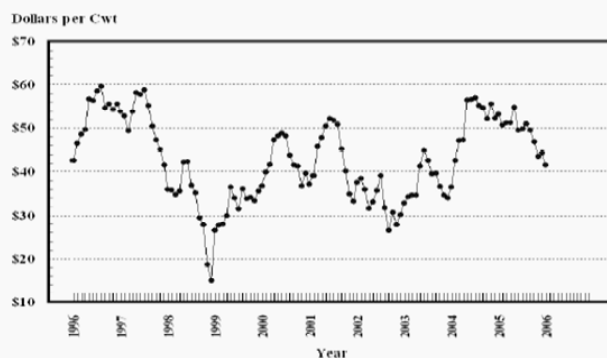
Prices Received, Cattle, US



Prices Received, Corn, US



Prices Received, Hogs, US



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